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Subject: Violence and Trauma Community Conversation -- Come? HELP spread word?

Don't miss these important speakers and this update on Memphis' work to test all stored rape kits.

Important new learnings from neuroscience and how trauma-informed community response can help victims/survivors heal and hold perpetrators of battering and sexual assault accountable. We start with an update from Mayor Strickland.

This is ideal for clergy, nurses, doctors including ER, students in many fields, security professionals and all of us who hope to respond to victims /survivors with understanding, compassion and support for healing. Please share to your lists and social media.

PS We hid emails as preferred by some of our friends but know that you are personally known and invited!

Speakers about rape kits, trauma include former Memphian Nancy Hardt

MEMPHIS, TN — Two national speakers will share the latest information about how trauma affects victims of sexual assault and domestic violence at a free and public session Monday evening $Jan.\ 29$. An update on the Memphis rape kit effort also will be announced.

"Violence, Victims and Trauma" begins at 6 p.m. at Memphis Bioworks, at 20 Dudley Street in the medical district. Memphis Bioworks is between Madison and Union Avenue. Parking is available in an adjacent building near the corner of Union and Dudley.

The agenda includes a return to Memphis of Dr. Nancy Hardt, former director of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center Women's Institute and professor emerita in the University of Florida College of Medicine. She will be joined by Kelly Taylor, a Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Program Manager and Coordinator at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, NC.

The public event, which precedes a conference for professionals the following day, is organized by the Memphis Sexual Assault Kit Task Force, the Memphis Area Women's Council and Memphis Says NO MORE. The session will begin with an update on the progress of testing, investigating and prosecuting sexual assault kits from the Memphis Police inventory.

When she was in Memphis Hardt studied data and worked with agency partners to initiate an intensive campaign to reduce infant mortality. Taylor for the past 12 years has been an instructor for sexual assault

nurse examiners, law enforcement and emergency nurses on the effects of trauma on sexual assault victims.

RSVP here or just show up:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/violence-victims-and-trauma-a-community-conversation-tickets-42508913304?

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